Criteria for cricket matches

1845. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria of allotting cricket test matches and one day Internationals to various cities in the country; and

(b) the efforts that are being made to encourage small cities by way of enhancing infrastructure like security, parks, civic amenities etc.?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) As per information received from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), test and One Day International matches are allotted to various cities as per rotation policy of the BCCI as adopted by Working Committee on 22.1.2001.

(b) BCCI extends financial assistance to state cricket associations for the development of infrastructural facilities.

National Service Scheme

1846. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any appraisal of functioning of "National Service Scheme" in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to extend the scheme to cover Secondary school and High school students?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An evaluation of the "National Service Scheme (NSS)' was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in 1996-97.

The major findings of the study centred around four main points-ideas, structure, issues related to grants and functions performed by various levels of the organization structure of NSS.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. A proposal in this regard has been formulated.

Construction of Stadia in Ghaziabad and NOIDA

†1847. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the cities in addition to Delhi where Government have decided to organize the Commonwealth games; and

(b) whether Government propose to construct stadia of world class in Ghaziabad and NOIDA?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir. The Commonwealth Games 2010 are presently proposed to be held only in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) There is no proposal to construct stadia in Ghaziabad and Noida for Commonwealth Games 2010.

Disabled sportspersons

1848. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sports Authority of India selects talented sportspersons from across the country and imparts them training in various games;

(b) whether disabaled sportspersons have also been selected and trained;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of disabled sports persons so selected *vis-a-vis* the general sportspersons, State-wise and game-wise, especially in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) if not, the other steps being taken to nurture the sports talent among the disabled?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Sports Promotional Schemes, trainees are selected for participation in disciplines that are

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